

FISCAL MEMORANDUM
HB 51 – SB 247

April 20, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006671): Deletes the language of the original bill. Adds “two or more students initiating a physical attack on an individual student on school property or at a school activity, including travel to and from school” as a good and sufficient reason to suspend a student from attendance at school.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Authorizes the principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal to suspend students for such behavior.
- Current law does not prohibit a principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal from suspending students who gang up with others to fight an individual student.
- This estimate assumes students would not be required to be expelled or sent to an alternative school.
- Any cost to local governments to carry out the requirements of the bill is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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